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Poloff delivered reftel demarche April 2 to Georg Heindl, Head of the MFA Human Rights Department. Heindl said the GOA was "very pleased" about the U.S. candidacy for the UNHRC and would support it. He noted that Austria will also run for an UNHRC seat for 2011-14. Similar positive comments arrived from throughout the MFA. Head of the MFA Legal Department Hermann Trauttmansdorf said he was "delighted" at the decision. UN PermRep Thomas Mayr-Harting in a public statement welcomed the move, saying he hoped the U.S.'s new attitude would lead to "new possibilities in working together."
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